

Trip Report: Sri Lanka Feb 15 – 22, 2020

With 3 nights at Wilpattu Safari Camp, 4 nights at Sigirya Village Hotel and an incredible 47 species of mammals seen

Tour operator: Bird and Wildlife Team (<https://www.birdandwildlifeteam.com/>)

After several years of seeing all the wonderful trip reports from Sri Lanka I finally could not resist going there any longer. So after lengthy deliberations with myself due to the expense – in particular as there are operators that cost considerably less –, I (as a single female traveller) booked the tour with the highly recommended Bird and Wildlife Team. My main focus was mammals with some culture thrown in for good measure (Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Sigirya and Dambulla Cave Temples). The tour was absolutely fantastic and with Dulan I had the best guide I have ever had in all my rather extensive travels around the world. Dulan's energy, enthusiasm, knowledge and keen eyes were simply incredible. The jeep drivers Bird and Wildlife Team used were also really good and happy to stop for whatever I wanted to look at, be it small mammal, bird or reptile, whilst I noticed that many other drivers were just chasing big game sightings.

All in all I can wholly recommend Bird and Wildlife Team and Dulan and Sri Lanka is a beautiful country.

Wilpattu



Spotted Deer



Red Muntjak



Sambar



Wild Water Buffalo



Black-naped Hare



Sloth Bear



Ruddy Mongoose



Golden Jackal



Giant Squirrel



Small Indian Civet



Leopard



Sigirya and surroundings



Tufted Grey Langur



Sri Lanka Toque Monkey



Asian Elephant



Common Palm Civet



Thick Tailed Pangolin



Fishing Cat



Bats



Rufous Horse-shoe Bat



Long-armed sheath-tailed Bat



Lesser False Vampire Bat



Lesser Woolly Horse-shoe Bat



Black-bearded sheath-tailed Bat



Fulvous Fruit Bat

1. <i>Manis crassicaudata</i>	Thick Tailed Pangolin (2 individuals)
2. <i>Macaca sinica</i>	Sri Lanka Toque Monkey
3. <i>Semnopithecus priam</i>	Tufted Grey Langur
4. <i>Semnopithecus vetulus</i>	Sri Lanka Purple-faced Langur (2 sub species)
5. <i>Loris lydekkerianus</i>	Grey Slender Loris
6. <i>Canis aureus</i>	Golden Jackal
7. <i>Felis chaus</i>	Jungle Cat (07+ Individuals)
8. <i>Panthera pardus</i>	Leopard (02 Individuals)
9. <i>Prionailurus viverrinus</i>	Fishing Cat (03 Individuals)
10. <i>Herpestes brachyurus</i>	Brown Mongoose
11. <i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>	Grey Mongoose
12. <i>Herpestes smithii</i>	Ruddy Mongoose
13. <i>Melursus ursinus</i>	Sloth Bear (1 Individuals)
14. <i>Paradoxurus hermaphoditus</i>	Common Palm Civet
15. <i>Paradoxurus aureus</i>	Sri Lanka Golden Palm Civet (2 individuals)
16. <i>Viverricula indica</i>	Small Indian Civet (10+)
17. <i>Elephas maximus</i>	Asian Elephant
18. <i>Bubalus arnee</i>	Wild Water Buffalo
19. <i>Bubalus bubalus</i>	Feral Water Buffalo
20. <i>Axis axis</i>	Spotted Deer
21. <i>Rusa unicolor</i>	Sambar
22. <i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>	Red Muntjak
23. <i>Sus scrofa</i>	Wild Boar
24. <i>Moschiola meminna</i>	Sri Lanka White Spotted Chevrotain (10+)
25. <i>Hystrix indica</i>	Indian Crested Porcupine
26. <i>Petaurista philippensis</i>	Giant Grey flying Squirrel
27. <i>Funambulus palmarum</i>	Palm Squirrel
28. <i>Ratufa macroura</i>	Giant Squirrel
29. <i>Lepus nigricollis</i>	Black-naped Hare
30. <i>Mus booduga</i>	Indian Field Mouse
31. <i>Vandeleuria oleracea</i>	Long-tailed climbing Mouse
32. <i>Tatera indica</i>	Antelope Rat
33. <i>Rattus rattus</i>	Common Rat
34. <i>Taphozous longimanus</i>	Long-armed sheath-tailed Bat
35. <i>Taphozous melanopogon</i>	Black-bearded sheath-tailed Bat
36. <i>Myotis hasseltii</i>	Brown Bat
37. <i>Hipposideros ater</i>	Bicolored leaf-nosed Bat
38. <i>Hipposideros galeritus</i>	Dekhan leaf-nosed Bat
39. <i>Hipposideros lankadiva</i>	Great leaf-nosed Bat
40. <i>Hipposideros speoris</i>	Schneider's leaf-nosed Bat
41. <i>Megaderma spasma</i>	Lesser False Vampire Bat
42. <i>Cynopterus sphinx</i>	Short-nosed Fruit Bat
43. <i>Pteropus giganteus</i>	Indian Flying Fox
44. <i>Rousettus leschenaulti</i>	Fulvous Fruit Bat
45. <i>Rhinolophus beddomei</i>	Lesser Woolly Horse-shoe Bat
46. <i>Rhinolophus rouxii</i>	Rufous Horse-shoe Bat
47. <i>Pipistrellus tenuis</i>	Pigmy Pipistrel

Some of the birds seen

